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HIBISCUS SUMMER CARE - B. L. Barling

Having had an exceedingly cold winter and an exceptionally dry spring it can be presumed that your Hibiscus plants are not up to their ususl standard in foliage and bloom.

Personally, I would be inclined to continue with some sludge and a good high organic 6-6-6 to keep pushing for a healthier growing green plant, than to worry too greatly about extra size specimen bloom at this time. The main issue is to get the plants in as healthy a state as possible so they may have a better chance to stand the coming winter. You will still have plenty of time for your hardening period with 0-10-10 in September, October and November.

Unless conditions change from the time of this writing, and we get normal heavy rains, it will be necessary to really pour on the water to keep them going. If you will spade up one spot in the garden you will find the ground dry as dust deep down. It takes a heap of water to get any penetration and you should have damp soil down at least 15 inches.

Be especially watchful for aphid, red spider, and butterfly worms, all of which can materially set a plant way back in no time. When its dry weather they want the best eating so they will go for your well cared for plants. I suggest "Isotox" which will not burn the leaves. If you don't get under the leaves where they set up house-keeping the job can hardly be called well done.

Naturally you fertilize monthly with your solid fertilizer. It is advisable to have the plants well watered previously and to wash any off the leaves shortly after application. I like to give the plants an application of liquid fertilizer around the middle of the month as an extra shot in the arm. I like to do this in the cool of the evening so that it has the whole night to soak its way in and the early morning dew will help it along.

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